## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

Division of Water Pollution Control 7th Floor, L&C Annex 401 Church Street Nashville, Tennessee 37243

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** The application described below has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit under *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*, T.C.A. §69-3-108. In addition, federal permits may be required from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Tennessee Valley Authority under §404 of the *Clean Water Act* and §26a of the *Tennessee Valley Authority Act*, respectively. Section 401 of the *Clean Water Act* requires that an applicant obtain a water quality certification from the state when a federal permit is required. This notice may cover applications subject to §401.

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available for review and/or copying at the department's natural resources section.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The department shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration. The department shall also consider loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impact to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

## PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER: NRS 08.011

**APPLICANT:** State of Tennessee

Department of Transportation Environmental Division Suite 900, J. K. Polk Bldg. 505 Deaderick Street Nashville, TN 37243-0334

615-253-2477

**LOCATION:** State Industrial Access Road to serve Graniti Fiandre, USA, Inc. Cumberland County (lat36.0002/long85.0478)

**USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE:** Isoline, TN (108-SE) and Crossville, TN (109-NE)

**WATERSHED DESCRIPTION:** The proposed impacts would affect an unnamed intermittent tributary to Obed River in Central Cumberland County. The stream flows through a low (2') channel ~2 feet wide flowing over relatively level terrain. The stream varies in depth up to 1-4 inches flowing over a cobble/gravel substrate and a canopy of mature hardwoods and herbaceous. The land use in the area is urban/industrial. Department records indicate that the spotfin chub (*Cyprinella monacha*) is present within 1 mile of the impact site. US Fish and Wildlife Service concur (letter 12-8-05) that there would not likely be any impact to either the species or the critical habitat.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project would involve the construction of a State industrial access road serving Graniti Fiandre, USA Inc. At Station 17+00, 170 ft. of 18" PVC pipe and 105 ft. of open channel currently exist. TDOT proposes to install 123 ft. of 36" concrete pipe with 2 of 2.5 ft catch basins, 12 ft. of U type concrete end wall at the outlet of the culvert, 8 ft. of sandstone hard point, and 114 ft. of relocated channel. TDOT would also remove 50 ft. of the existing pipe and backfill (abandon) the remaining 125.5 ft. with flow able fill materials and restore 22 ft of stream channel. The new channel would be designed to match original substrate and involve tree planting to replace riparian vegetation. Additional proposed impacts on this project would qualify for General ARAP Permits.

More details on the proposal can be viewed on the Internet at <a href="http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap">http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap</a>.

## PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada

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